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FOLLOWING REPEAT LONDON 10712 ACTION SECSTATE DATED JUNE 29:

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E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: EAGR

SUBJECT: I.W.C. MEETING

1. U.S. DELIVERED POSITION STATEMENT AT I.W.C. TUESDAY MORNING SESSION. EXPORTERS, CANADA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA SOLIDLY SUPPORTED WITH HELPFUL STATEMENTS ENDORSING U.S. CONCEPTS AND GENERAL APPROACH. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS HOWEVER IT WAS CLEAR THAT SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES,ALTHOUGH NARROWED,CONTINUE TO EXIST. SUPPORTIVE STATEMENTS GENERAL AND DID NOT REPEAT NOT EXPLORE POSSIBLE DETAILS NOR RAISE QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO FORCE U.S. INTO GREATER ELABORATION. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS BY ARGENTINA AND AUSTRALIA RE CONCERN ABOUT MINIMUM PRICE FARMERS WOULD RECEIVE.

2. E.C. STATEMENT EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. POSITION CALLED FOR A NUMBER OF COMMENTS BOTH ON CONTENT AND SCOPE BUT
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STATED THEY DID NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO EXPLORE THESE AT THIS TIME. WELCOMED U.S. WILLINGNESS TO MOVE FORWARD AND EXPRESSED THOUGHT THAT BEST MOVE IN PRESENT COUNCIL SESSION WAS TO GET ON WITH PLAN FOR FUTURE ACTION IN VIEW OF QUOTE NEW CONSENSUS UNQUOTE. E.C. EXPRESSED QUOTE HOPE UNQUOTE THAT IN ANY FURTHER MEETING U.S. WOULD BE IN POSITION TO HAVE A MORE STRUCTURED STATEMENT WITH GREATER

DETAIL.

3. JAQUOT IN PRE-SESSION CONVERSATION WITH KOENIG SAID RABOT DID NOT LIKE U.S. STATEMENT AND PREDICTABLY, REFERENCES TO TRADE LIBERALIZATION. INDICATED FURTHER QUESTIONS RE REDUCTION OF TRADE BARRIERS AND FLEXIBLE UTILIZATION SUPPLY AVAILABILITY CONCEPTS. STATED, HOWEVER THEY WOULD EXPLORE THESE MATTERS BI-LATERALLY RATHER THAN RAISE THESE IN COUNCIL.

4. OTHER STATEMENTS MADE BY ALGERIA, EGYPT, S.AFRICA, USSR. ALGERIA IMPLIED EXPORTERS MUST NOT DOMINATE AND IMPORTERS MUST HAVE FULL ROLE IN ANY AGREEMENT. EGYPT CALLED ATTENTION TO STATEMENTS ON COMMODITIES BY GROUP 77. S.AFRICA AND U.S.S.R. SUPPORTIVE BUT BRIEF. U.S.S.R. REACTION IN COUNCIL TEMPERED BY FACT U.S. DELEGATION HAD SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME BRIEFING THEM AND REPLYING TO QUESTIONS. SOVIETS CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH EXPRESSION THEY WOULD SUPPORT ANY AGREEMENT THAT ACHIEVES OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN VARIOUS COUNTRY STATEMENTS. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH U.S. DELEGATION, SOVIETS MADE CLEAR THEIR DIFFICULTIES FITTING THEIR SYSTEM INTO ANY RESERVE PROGRAM AND WERE CLEARLY NEGATIVE ON SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR FOOD SECURITY. THEY INDICATED, HOWEVER, INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS IN A POSITIVE MANNER.

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5. ALL COUNTRY STATEMENTS REFLECTED SENSE OF URGENCY IN GETTING ON WITH FURTHER PLAN OF WORK.

6. EXECUTIVE SEC. OUTLINED OPTIONS FOR PLAN OF WORK WITH FOLLOWING POSSIBLE TIMETABLE TO HAVE NEW AGREEMENT IN FORCE BY JULY 1, 1978: A) TWO PREP. GROUP MEETINGS. SEPT., OCT., B) COUNCIL ACTION NOV., CONVENING C) NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE MID-LATE JAN., CONCLUSION END OF MARCH SO GOVTS. WOULD HAVE THREE MONTHS BEFORE PRESENT AGREEMENT TERMINATED TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEDE TO NEW AGREEMENT.

7. PAROTTE RAISED FIVE BROAD QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION BY DELEGATIONS: A) SHOULD TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PREP. GROUP BE WIDENED, I.E., TO INCLUDE DRAFTING AN AGREEMENT? B) SHOULD COMPOSITION OF PREP. GROUP REMAIN AS AT PRESENT? SHOULD NON-MEMBERS BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE I.E., CHINA? SHOULD PARTICIPATION BE LIMITED TO SPECIFIED COUNTRIES AS IN 1970? C) WHERE SHOULD THE PREP. GROUP MEET, I.E. LONDON OR GENEVA; OR LONDON FIRST MEETING AND GENEVA FOR SECOND? D) SHOULD PREP. GROUP MEET

TWICE OR ONCE? E) SHOULD DECISION AS TO CONVENING
NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE BE DELEGATED TO PREP. GROUP OR
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE?

8. ABSENCE CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS U.S. DELEGATION PLANS
TO REPLY NEGATIVELY ON POINTS A) AND E); BELIEVES PREP.
GROUP WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO MEET TWICE BEFORE NEXT
COUNCIL SESSION; CAN AGREED TO ANY OPTION UNDER POINT B);
AND PREPARED TO LEAVE POINT C) UP TO EXECUTIVE SEC. IN
FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVTS. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
DEVELOPMENTS IN REGARD AVAILABILITY OF UNCTAD FACILITIES
AND, POSSIBLE CONFLICTS ARISING FOR SOME DELEGATIONS IN
CONNECTION WITH FURTHER SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS. CLEAR
EXECUTIVE SEC. PREFERENCE IS NOW FOR POSSIBLE SEPT. AND
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